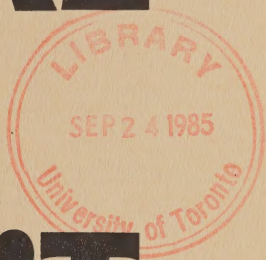


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MAKE SURE IT ISN'T YOU



THE VICTIMS' VIEWS
OF DRINKING AND DRIVING



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Drinking and driving continues to claim more than one life and to injure 80 people in Ontario every single day.

The gripping new film, "Make Sure It Isn't You", explains the tragic consequences of this social and legal problem from the point of view of victims. We meet 19-year-old Wendy Crawford who was a beautiful young model on her way to catch a flight for an assignment in Japan when the car in which she was riding was rammed by another vehicle. Wendy speaks to us now from her wheelchair in a nursing home. Still beautiful, she is paralyzed and is struggling to come to terms with her new life. We meet Wayne Irwin, an active, athletic man, who was also permanently maimed by a drinking driver. He shows us the sign made by his buddies to hang on his wheelchair: I Owe It All To A Drunk Driver. As well, we get to know parents who've been robbed of a future with their children because of the thoughtless actions of drinking drivers.

We meet a policeman, a fire fighter and a coroner, who tell us what it's like, day after day, to pry the bodies of victims from wrecks and to fit together the pieces of the puzzle that preceded the highway violence.

We also meet a convicted drinking driver who killed one young person and severely injured another. As he serves out his sentence, he tells of the devastating experience not only for his victims but also for himself and his own family.

The ministry's purpose in commissioning this film was to give the victims of drinking driving a platform from which to bring home to the general public in a more meaningful manner the fact that drinking driving has terrible consequences which last a lifetime for thousands of Ontarians.

The title, "Make Sure It Isn't You", comes from the film's dialogue in which Dr. Robin Conway, a Coroner, talks about

getting out of bed in the middle of the night on weekends to pronounce death and help pick up the pieces. "Why did I want to be in this film? That's really a difficult question, but I think the main thing is that I am frustrated, I am fed up. Every Friday, every Saturday night, I see young people lying dead in the ditches, stupidly, for no real reason, for one more bottle of beer. If we can get across to the people, if we can talk primarily to young people who have the rest of their lives in front of them. If we could say to them - this happens every Friday night, it happens every Saturday night. But let's try to make sure it isn't you that is dead in the ditch next Saturday night when I have to get up."

"Make Sure It Isn't You" is available on a loan basis, free of charge through:

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